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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 15, 2004, the Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the claims of Group I (i.e., claims 1-22). The requirement is traversed on the basis that the case for restriction does not meet the criteria set forth in M.P.E.P. § 806.05(f) for proper restriction between patentably distinct inventions.

The United States Patent Office has taken the position that a distinctness requirement between inventions directed to a process of making and a product is proper if it can be shown: (A) that the process *as claimed* is not an obvious process of making the product and the process *as claimed* can be used to make other and different products; or (B) that the product *as claimed* can be made by another and materially different process. M.P.E.P. § 806.05(f) (emphasis in original). In the Office Action, however, the statement of this requirement has been abbreviated so as to leave out the phrase “the process *as claimed* is not an obvious process of making the product and”. It is then asserted that “In the instant case the method can be made in different processes, for example the step of screening can be replaced by adhesive or soldering a resistive element onto a layer of a circuit board.” This conclusion is improper.

The M.P.E.P. description is directed to a process of making and a *product*, not a method. This distinction is emphasized using bold type in the “Examiner Note” portion of the cited section of the M.P.E.P. Therefore it is respectfully requested that the Restriction Requirement be reconsidered and withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

As noted above, the Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the claims indicated in the Restriction Requirement included in Group I (i.e., claims 1-22). If the Requirement is continued, the Applicants request cancellation of claims 23-26 without prejudice or disclaimer, and reserve the right to reintroduce them in this Application, or in one or more divisional applications, at a later date.

The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' Representative Mark V. Muller at (210) 308-5677, or the undersigned if there are any questions regarding this Response or if prosecution of this Application may be assisted thereby. If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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